At the YEARLY-MEETING held in LONDON, the 19th of the 5th Month, 1780.

DAVID BARCLAY brought in the following Report from an Adjournment of the General-Meeting for ACKWORTH SCHOOL, viz.

To the YEARLY-MEETING in London.

PURSUANT to the directions of the laſt Yearly-Meeting, a General-Meeting was held at ACKWORTH, the 29th of the 7th month laſt, for the management of the ſchool at that Place, conſiſting of 29 friends, appointed by ſeveral of the counties, and 6 of the Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings in London; together with divers other friends from different parts of the nation; when ſeveral matters relative to the undertaking, were deliberately conſidered, the reſult tranſmitted to the Meeting for Sufferings, and by them to the ſeveral counties and places.

The following report from the Committee at ACKWORTH, dated the 1ſt of the 5th month laſt, will inform you of the progreſs and ſtate of this Inſtitution at that period.

To the Adjournment of the general Meeting for ACKWORTH SCHOOL, to be held in London the 15th Inſtant.

"WE the Committee, appointed to make the neceſſary prepara-
" tions and proviſions, for admitting the family and child-
" ren into this houſe, to have the immediate care and management
" thereof, and to act in conjunction with the committee appointed in
" London by the Meeting for Sufferings, report; that we have endea-
" voured to fulfil the truſt repoſed in us, and have provided the neceſ-
" ſary accommodations for a family much more numerous than we could
" reaſonably expect.

" The Number of Children now in the Houſe is as follows.

		Boys	Girls
" From	Berkſhire	1	0
	Cambridgeſhire, Huntingdonſhire, and the Iſle of Ely	12	5
	Derbyſhire and Nottinghamſhire	0	3
	Durham	5	1
	Dorſetſhire	1	1
	Eſſex	9	4
	Hampſhire	0	2
	Hertfordſhire	4	4
	Kent	2	0
	Lancaſhire	3	1

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		Boys	Girls
From	Lincolnſhire	1	0
	London and Middleſex	9	7
	Northumberland	2	0
	Norfolk	1	1
	Suffolk	1	0
	Suſſex	0	3
	Warwickſhire	0	1
	Wiltſhire	1	0
	Worceſterſhire	2	0
	Yorkſhire	15	18
	South Wales	1	0
	Scotland	0	2
		70	53
	Total	123	

" The reſt of the family are the Houſekeeper, Two School-Maſters, One " School-Miſtreſs, and her Aſſiſtant, and divers other neceſſary Servants.

" We have found the great want of a ſuperintendant, qualified " according to your deſcription, and much deſire your attention to " that object. Divers of us have frequently reſided at the place, " in order in ſome meaſure to ſupply that deficiency; in which ſervice " ſome women friends, at our requeſt, have acceptably lent us their " aſſiſtance: and our friend John Hill, at the requeſt of the London " committee, hath alſo reſided here ſeveral months (and his wife a part " of the time) whoſe cloſe application for the benefit of the Inſtitution " has been very uſeful and acceptable.

" The want of ſuch an eſtabliſhment ſeems clearly evident, from the " ready diſpoſition with which friends have embraced the priviledge of " providing their children with the means of obtaining a pious, guarded " education, inſomuch that many have been ſent hither at very great " diſtances, in the midſt of a ſevere winter; and nothing could more " fully demonſtrate the neceſſity of it, than the good effects that have " already been conſpicuous on the minds and manners of divers, who, " at their firſt admiſſion, ſeemed utterly unacquainted with good order, " and of very unpromiſing diſpoſitions. Theſe encouraging circum- " ſtances, and the great ſatisfaction attending the minds of many friends " who have been led to viſit this place, and the openneſs they have " found in the flowings of goſpel-love, to impart counſel and admonition " to the whole family, are confirmations to us, that the eſtabliſhment, " if conducted under a due regard to Divine Direction, may be rendered " a bleſſing to the riſing youth of the preſent and ſucceeding generations.

We are your friends and brethren.

Signed in and on behalf of the ſaid Committee. } WILLIAM TUKE,
Clerk to the Commitee at this time.

And we further report, by information from the committee at London, that it being the opinion of counſel, a fine ſhould be levied by the governors of the Foundling Hoſpital, on the Ackworth Eſtate, and ſome difficulties having ariſen in reſpect to inveſting the money until that proceſs could take effect, it was agreed, that the purchaſe-money (£7000) ſhould

ſhould remain in poſſeſſion of the Society, at the rate of 4 pounds *per cent. per annum*, during the term of ſix years, viz. from the 24th of the 6th month laſt paſt, to the 25th of the 6th month, 1785; when the money is to be paid, and the final conveyance made to the Society; a contract for effecting this conveyance being agreed to, and legally ratified by the truſtees for the Foundling Hoſpital. The ſum of £280 will be due to the Governors of the ſaid Hoſpital, the 24th of the 6th month next enſuing, for one year's intereſt on £7000, at 4 *per cent.* conformable to the agreement made with them.

It has likewiſe been agreed, to convert a part of the eaſt wing of the houſe into a Meeting Room, which will be large and commodious, to be executed according to contract, for the ſum of £293 17 8. before the time of holding the next general meeting.

It appears by an Account laid before us from the London Committee, that the State of the Caſh belonging to this Inſtitution, is as follows, viz.

1780. 19th of the 5th Month. CASH RECEIVED.

By Donations - - - - - - - - - - -	£	6380	7 6
Annuity - - - - - - - - - - -		3050	0 0
Legacy from Executors of John Hoyland, of Sheffield - - - - -		10	0 0
* 190 Bills of Admittance, at £8 8 -		1596	0 0
Total amount of Caſh received	£	11036	7 6

And that the CASH PAID is, viz.

For Repairs, Improvements on the Land, Stock on the Farm, charges of conveyance of Children from Diſtances exceeding 50 Miles, Furniture, Cloathing, Proviſion, and ſundry Expenſes, paid at London and Ackworth; all which will be exactly arranged under their proper heads, at the cloſe of the preſent Year, when the Books will be balanced.	2252	5	11	
Paid Annuitants to the 1ſt of the 1ſt month, 1780 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	153	10	9	
Inveſted in Government Security (Intereſt not yet received) - - - - - - - -	7714	9	6	
Total amount of Caſh paid - - - - -				10120 6 2
Balance in Hand				£ 916 1 4

* 190 Bills of Admittance, at £8 8 - - - - - - - - - -		1596
Of which Sum there has been already expended for the Maintenance of Children now in the School - - - - - - - - - - -	£	276
The Balance therefore of - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		1320

must be conſidered as a Debt or Demand ſtanding againſt the Inſtitution.

There are ſeveral counties and places which have not ſent up any ſubſcriptions, and as others have not yet completed them, it is hoped, from the information which will be ſpread through the counties, concerning this matter, and from the good ſucceſs that has already appeared, that this Inſtitution will be ſpeedily eſtabliſhed on a ſolid foundation, by the liberality of individuals, without being burthenſome to the Society.

This meeting thinks it neceſſary farther to acquaint you, that it is propoſed a meeting for the good government of this Inſtitution ſhould be held annually at Ackworth, conſiſting of the committee appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings in London, the committee at Ackworth, together with ſuch friends as may be appointed by the ſeveral counties and places (as directed by the Yearly-Meeting) with any other friends who are free to attend; who, together, are to chooſe a committee of friends in the country, to have the immediate inſpection and management of this Inſtitution, in conjunction with the committee appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings in London.

And it is propoſed, that this meeting be held annually, on the laſt 5th day in the 7th month, at the tenth hour in the forenoon.

London, the 15th of the 5th month, 1780.

Theſe reports having been read, are agreed to, and the accounts contained in them are ſat sfactory to this Meeting: It is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings to diſperſe the ſame for general information, as may be judged moſt expedient.

At an adjournmen: of the Yearly-Meeting, held in London the 19th of the 5th month, 1780.

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